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SUBJECT: EARTHQUAKE SITUATION UPDATE, AUGUST 11

REF: PEKING 1566

1. GENERAL SITUATION IN PEKING HAS NOT CHANGED, BUT SINCE THE AUGUST 10 BULLETIN AUTHORITIES ARE TAKING ACTIVE STEPS TO DISCOURAGE FOREIGNERS FROM OCCUPYING THEIR UPSTAIRS APARTMENTS. UPPER FLOORS OF FRIENDSHIP STORE WERE CLOSED TO PUBLIC BEGINNING YESTERDAY, BUT GROUND FLOOR, INCLUDING GROCERY SECTION, REMAINS OPEN TO SERVICE DIMINISHED BAND OF DIPLOMATS AND OTHER FOREIGNERS STILL RESIDENT IN PEKING.

2. FOUR OF THE JAPANESE INJURED IN TANGSHAN QUAKE, WHO WERE EVACUATED TO PEKING'S CAPITAL HOSPITAL AND THEN MOVED AUGUST 7 TO TENTS IN FORBIDDEN CITY AREA (PEKING 1552), WERE REMOVED THIS MORNING TO SHANGHAI WHERE THEY WILL STAY IN HOSPITAL UNTIL INJURIES IMPROVE. THEY WERE ACCOMPANIED BY THEIR ATTEND-

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ING CHINESE PHYSICIANS AND NURSES. APPARENTLY DECISION

HAS BEEN MADE THAT CAPITAL HOSPITAL WILL NOT BE SAFE
TO REOCCUPY, AT LEAST IN NEAR FUTURE. CHINESE AUTHORITIES
INFORM US, HOWEVER, THAT HOSPITAL WILL REMAIN OPEN
TEMPORARILY FOR OUTPATIENT SERVICES AND THAT WE WILL BE
INFORMED IF AND WHEN DECISION IS TAKEN TO CLOSE IT
COMPLETELY.

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